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**File No.** 39 (Section I

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SUBJECT.

Sanctions an appointment of a Watchman to take care of the Sri Venkataramana Swamy Temple and the garden within its Compound

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

LATER REFERENCES.

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Rayu Bahadur A. Srinivasacharyer Esquire

Mazrai Secretary to the Govt of Mysore

Bangalore

Most Respected Sir

I the undersigned beg to lay before your honor for favourable consideration and orders, the following facts:—

In 1889/90 the high compound wall of the Sri Venkataramanaswami's Temple in the Bangalore Fort was demolished, and in its place an ornamental wall of four feet high built. I then represented, that, even when there was high Compound wall, and the Archeks' House within it, people of foolish classes were entering the temple, and the Govt had to undergo the expenses of constant consecrations of the temple and that the case had become more by demolishing that high wall, and erecting in its place a wall of four feet high. Thereupon the Dewan Bahadoor was pleased to order the then Dy Commissioner Mr. V. P. Madhava Rau to appoint a Hindu watcher on Rs 5 per mensem solely to watch the temple & the Compound wall. Accordingly Mr. V. P. Madhava Rau appointed a watcher under the nominal designation of a watcher for watching and conserving Government buildings in the Bangalore Fort namely the Upper and Lower Arsenal and Tippoo Sultan's Palace. Since then upto date the said watcher is under temple duty alone. Gradually the above buildings were occupied by Reserve Police, Pensioned Police, Forest Excise and Police Inspector Genl.

On the 8th of this month the Excise Commissioner's Office Shiyali dar, under what authority I know not, sent for the watcher and ordered him to leave the watching of the Government temple and report himself to him at once to do the duty of a gardener in the Palace compound and further told him that his pay would not be disbursed to him as hitherto by the Taluk authorities unless he leaves the service of the temple and report himself to him to perform the duty he assigns. The said watcher brought these facts to my notice yesterday.

As I am in duty bound to bring these facts to your Honors notice I beg to do so with the following details.

If there be no watcher, there will be room to people of forbidden classes entering the temple. This intrusion will violate the sanctity of the temple & Deity and constant consecrations will have to be made as was done several times during the British Administration. This means a constant source of expenditure to Government. Moreover many petty thefts might also be committed. As the temple is situated in a very lonely place having no adjoining houses. Besides these, the ornamental wall which is in a good condition now, may also be disfigured and consequently constant repairs will have to be made. Having considered all these facts the Diwan Bahadur was pleased to sanction a watcher above referred to for the temple so long ago as 1889-90. Removing the watcher sanctioned to the temple under such consideration would be against the

original intention of the Dewan Bahadur

I therefore humbly request your to consider these facts and issue necessary orders for the safety of the temple and the compound wall.

Bangalore Fort
10th November 1897

I beg to Remain
Most Respected Sir
Your most humble Servant
C Venkoba Rao
Manager of the Sri Venkataramana Swami's Temple

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From

The Marvai Superintendent
in Mysore.

No. 528 of
16-11-97

To.

The Secretary to the
Govt. of Mysore
Revenue and General
Departments

I have the honour to
state that the Sri Ven-
-kataramanaswamy
temple in the Bangalore
Fort was formerly
surrounded by a high
compound wall and
that in 1889 when the
Fort improvements were
undertaken, the high
wall was dismantled

and a low ornamental
Compound wall was
put up instead and
at the same time
other improvements
were ordered to be
carried out so that
the appearance of the
temple might be in
keeping with the adjoining
Palace and other Govt
buildings. The removal
of the old high Compound
wall afforded facilities
to the garrison soldiers
and other non-Hindus
to enter the precincts
of the temple and
cause disturbance
to the devotees, the

Carvings on the pillars were found disfigured. Thereupon under the orders of the Dewan two watchmen were entertained, one a pensioned soldier to watch the Fort buildings and the other, a Hindu specially, to guard the temple; and this latter has been attending to this duty in the temple since.

2. Now I understand that the temple watchmen has been directed to do duty as gardener in the Excise Commissioner's

Office Compound. I beg
to state that should the
services of the watchmen
be withdrawn, the temple
will again become
exposed to intrusion
by non-Hindus.

3. As the temple
sets a very small
Jasdik and has no
funds from which
a separate watchmen could
be employed, I would
request that the Govt.
be pleased to direct
the continuance of
the previous arrangement.

I have &c

Fair Draft.

Murrai Superintendant

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*From*

*The Secretary to the*
*Government of Mysore.*

*To*

The Muzrai Superintendent

*Dated* 21-12-97

*Despatched*

*Received*

*General No.* 53-69-72

*Muzrai F. No.* Sr 199

*Enclosure No.*

Directing the Exec Offr
to submit definite proposals
regarding the watcher of the
Sri Venkataramanaswami
temple, Port, Bangalore

Proceedings of the Government of Mysore.

Read:— SL 4

01/21-12-97 (1) Correspondence ending with letter No. 3845/163, dated 26th October 1897, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

(2) Letter No. 528, dated 16th November 1897, from the Huzrai Superintendent.

Order thereon No. 53-69-72/Ex 199

Dated Bangalore, 21st December 1897.

The Excise Commissioner wishes that a Park on a small scale should be formed in the compound of the old Palace in which his office and the offices of the Inspector General of Police and the Conservator of Forests are located. It is proposed to utilize the water of the well in the Palace compound and to employ two gardeners in the place of the present watch-man on Rs. 10/- and watcher on Rs. 5/-, whose services are reported to be not needed now for the

the conservancy of the Palace building.

The watchman is stated to be a European Pensioner very old and infirm, and seldom going near the building.

The watcher seems to have been deputed for watching the adjoining temple of Venkat-ramanaswamy, and the Excise Commissioner in his letter No. 1386/66, dated 6th August last, proposed to leave the watcher for duty at the temple. The man, however, appears to have afterwards been directed to do duty as gardener in the Excise Commissioner's office compound, and the Muzarai Superintendent, in bringing this to the notice of Government states that "should the services of the watchman be withdrawn, the temple will again become exposed to intrusion by non-Hindus."

Before passing final orders on the questions raised, Government desire that the

Excise Commissioner, the Inspector General of Police and the Conservator of Forests should, after consultation with one another, submit combined definite proposals regarding (1) the formation of a Park, (2) the desirability or otherwise of dispensing with the services of the watchman and watcher or one of them and (3) the appointment of gardeners. The Excise Commissioner is requested to submit such proposals and to report anew when the watcher is employed on gardens work in his office compound

For Secretary

Compared

To

The Excise Commissioner, in Mysore

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore

The Conservator of Forests, in Mysore

The Huzarat Superintendent in Mysore

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with reference to order Serial No 16.

The propriety of having a man for both the Temple and garden work seems doubtful.

If approved the existing arrangement by which the watcher on Rs 5/-/- is employed in the Temple may be left uninterfered with as proposed by the Muzrai Superintendent in Serial No 15 and the remaining amount Rs 13 distributed as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Gardener on Rs | 7/- |
| 1 Ditto —— | 6/- |
| Total Rs | 13/- |

No change in the Budget seems however necessary

Submitted for orders

14/2/98.

The combined proposals of the three Officers may be sanctioned

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Enc: 290

Forwarded to the Muzrai Secretary for Opinion.

(Sd) Srinivasaiya
Secretary
General Depts

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From The Excise Commissioner in Mysore
~~The Secretary to the Government of Mysore.~~

To The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore.
General & Revenue Depts.

Dated 5th February 1898.

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Received 12

Enclosure No. 1

General No. 6221
Muzrai F. No. 264

In reply to Government Proceedings No 5569-72
Enc: 199
dated the 21st Ultimo

Submits a memorandum containing the combined proposals of the Inspector-General of Police, Conservator of Forests and himself on the points referred to in the above Proceedings in regard to the formation of a Park on a small scale in the compound of the old Palace in the Bangalore Fort.

Excise Commissioner's
Office
Bangalore Dated 5th February 1898.

No 6221/264 Exc: 1.

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore.

To.

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore
General and Revenue
Departments.

Sir.

In acknowledging the
receipt of Government Proceedings
No 5569-72 Ex 199 dated the 21st Ultimo,
I have the honour to state that
the Conservator of Forests finding
that out of the Conservancy es-
-tablishment sanctioned at a
cost of Rs 216 per annum on account
of the old Palace in the Bangalore
Fort, only the sweeper is on duty,
suggested to the Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District, that the whole
Establishment might be placed
under the supervision and orders
of one of the Head Quarter Assistants
either Excise, Forest, or Police. The
Deputy Commissioner accordingly
complied with the suggestion and
the watcher is employed since

the 16th November 1897 on gardening work in the Fort Palace Compound including the precincts of the temple; and he also sees that no non-Hindus intrude into the temple; but the watchmen is always absent and does no work.

2. A Memorandum containing the combined proposals of the Inspector General of Police, Conservator of Forests and myself on the points referred to in the aforesaid Proceedings, is herewith submitted.

I have the honor
to be Sir
Your Most obedient
Servant.

(Sd.) P. N. Pooviah
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

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21-1-98

Rajah Bahadur A. Srinivasa Charlu Esqre
Muzrai Secretary to the Government of
Mysore

Most Respected Sir

The watcher of the Sri Venkataramana Swami's temple in the Bangalore Fort, complains that his monthly pay was not disbursed to him from October last for not joining the duties of a gardener as per orders of the Taluk Amildar, leaving the watch of the temple that in consequence he is suffering much and requests me to relieve him by taking charge of the temple property in his possession. I have already in my former petition brought to your honors notice the difficulties and loss which will have to be undergone in the absence of a regular watcher to watch the temple and the necessity of having a watcher.

I therefore humbly beg your honor to kindly retain the services of the watcher in the temple and have his pay disbursed to him.

I beg to remain
Most Respected Sir
Your Most humble & obedient
servant
Venkobarao
Manager to the temple
of Sri Venkataramanaswami
in the Bangalore Fort

ngalore }
20 January 1898 }

Bangalore Dated 8th Feby 1878.

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Memorandum

It was arranged that the Inspector-General of Police, Conservator of Forests and Excise Commissioner should meet on the grounds of the old Palace in the Bangalore Fort this morning at 7-30 for the purpose of submitting to Government after consultation with one another, definite proposals regarding :-

(1) the formation of a Park in the Compound of the said Palace

(2). the desirability or otherwise of dispensing with the services of watchman and watcher or one of them, and-

(3) the appointment of gardeners,

as per Government Proceedings No 5869-72 dated 21st Dec 1877 Ex 199

2. Accordingly the Conservator of Forests and Excise Commissioner met, but the Inspector-General of Police, owing to the pressure of other urgent work, sent his Assistant who intimated that the Inspector-General's opinion is, that in the proposals to be submitted to Government in the matter, provision should be made for the conservancy of Temple which is within the Palace grounds.

3. Mr Ricketts late Inspector General of Forests and Excise Commissioner recommended the formation of a Park in the said Palace Compound in view of the lively interest taken by both European and Natives in the Palace on account of its historical importance. The formation of a Park secured by an ornamental wall similar to the Compound wall of the Sanscrit-College opposite to the Palace would considerably add to the appearance of the ancient buildings.

It has been ascertained that the Executive Engineer has already prepared an Estimate for the compound wall which is required on three sides. To form a Park on a small scale getting the supply of plants and trees from the Superintendant of Government Gardens, at least 2 gardeners are required. The Provincial Budget Estimates for 1897-98 show that an "Establishment for the conservancy of the Palace in the Bangalore Fort" at a monthly cost of Rs 18, exists, as per particulars below:-

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Watchman | Rs 10 |
| 1 Watchman | Rs 5 |
| 1 Sweeper | Rs 3. |
| | 18 |

4. Since the Palace buildings have been occupied by the offices of the Inspector General of Police Excise Commissioner and Conservator of Forests, and as the Offices of the

Deputy and Assistant Inspectors of Schools are also to be shortly located in them, the necessity for the aforesaid conservancy establishment has ceased to exist. The amount sanctioned for it may therefore be appropriately utilized for the employment of the following establishment on account of the formation of the park:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Head gardener on Rs 8 | |
| 1 | gardener — — | Rs 6 |
| 1 | Sweeper — — | Rs 4 |
| | | 18 |

5. The Temple in question being a Municipal institution, the requisite watchmen for it ought to be paid from Municipal funds. But as the Municipal Superintendent says in his letter to Government that no Municipal funds are available to employ a separate watchman for the Temple, and that a watchman is wanted to prevent mischief

To prevent intrusion of iron. hoops into the precincts of the temple the proposed gardener may be required to prevent such intrusion and also to make a nice garden in the compound of the Temple as well, the temple being situated within the bounds of the Palace. Should however the Govt consider it necessary that a Watcher be employed exclusively for the temple, the Sum of Rs 4 above proposed for a sweeper or Rs 5- now allowed for a watcher, may be appropriated for the purpose the amount being deducted from the grant for the Palace buildings & transferred

to the temple - The proposed 2 gardeners should in that case be required to do both gardening & sweeping.

6 The grounds should be laid out in an artistic suitable manner not attempting too much as regards flowers, but having masses of foliage plants & flowering shrubs. on the scheme being sanctioned by Govt Dr Cameron will be consulted & details arranged

J Cowie
P Conservator
Ex Comm
Dr Cameron
Supt of Police

From

The Mon: Superintt

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To The Secy Dpmt

Genl & Rec'd Sept

Sir, I have the hon
acknowledge receipt
of Genl. Special
No. 7820 & 20 the Feb'y
Ex. 290

Calling for expression
of my opinion on the
proposals contained
in the joint memorial
of the Ex. Com'rs, the
Conservator of Forests
and the Insp'r Genl of
Legislative Enactments
Land Revenue
a Sub Committee

Mont for the Conservancy
of the Old Palace grounds
including the Temples in
Bangalore Fort
2- From the Joint Mgrs. Attorneys
It will be seen
that the Temples
in Venkataramana
is situated within the precincts of the
Palace grounds, & It
was in this account
that the High Court
Wall which was
around the Temple
was pulled down
by the Inspector, as not
in keeping with the
appearance of the

adjoining Palace and
a low ornamental
Compound wall was
put up instead.
This having resulted
in the land being
exposed to air from
by the two
One of the two watch-
men then employed
by Govt for the old
Palace [illegible] was
deputed exclusively to watch
the temple as stated
in my previous
letter No 520
of 16th Nov 1897.

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of the temple [illegible]

harry Thunderhead
agent and as the
Temple has no funds
to pay ~~a~~ ~~watchman~~ a
watchman, I would
request that, as proposed
by in para 6 of the
joint Memo: under
address, ~~one of the~~ a
Servant ~~watchman~~
Servants ~~as before.~~
and Rs 5 be employed
Specially exclusively
to take care of the
Temple and the
Garden within its
Compound.

The Executive Committee
Read with the Govt Order
herein and Resolved
to ~~approve~~ accept the
recommendation

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Proceedings of the Government of Singapore

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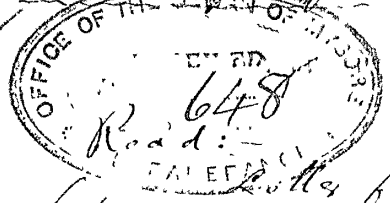


Letter from the Excise Commission Singapore, No. 62 21/264 dated 5th February 1878, submitting with reference to Government Proceedings No. 5569-72 Exc 199 dated 21st December 1877, a Memorandum containing the combined proposals of the Surveyor General of Police, Conservator of Forests and himself in regard to the formation of a park in the Compound of the old palace and the utilization of the Conservancy Establishment attached thereto.

Letter from the Municipal Superintendent No 1119 dated 23d February 1878 urging that, as proposed in paras 5 of the joint memorandum referred to above,

exclusively to take care of the Shri Venkata-
Ramana Swamy temple and the
garden within its compound

Vide thereon No. 1096-101
Dis 2289
Dated Bangalore 8th March 1894

On a careful consideration
of the proposals made by the several
Officers in the letter read above,
Government agree with the Muzare
Superintendent that the protection
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around the temple was pulled
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and they accordingly direct

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that the temple watcher on Rs 5/- be left alone and the remaining amount, viz Rs 13/- available out of the conservancy Establishment allowed to the old palace utilized in the manner proposed in the joint memorandum, towards the employment of two Sardeners.

for Secretary

To
The Muzarai Superintendent in Mysore
The Excise Commissioner, in Mysore
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Inspector General of Police in Mysore
The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore

READ —

Letter from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore No 6721-264 dated 5th February 1898 submitting with reference to Government Proceedings No 5569-72—Ex 199 dated 21st December 1897 a memorandum containing the combined proposals of the Inspector General of Police Conservator of Forests and himself in regard to the formation of a park in the compound of the old Palace and the utilization of the conservancy establishment attached thereto

*(Enclosure of the above)*

MEMORANDUM

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(3) The appointment of gardeners, as per Government Proceedings No 5569-72—Ex 199 dated 21st December 1897

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Letter from the Muzrai Superintendent, No 1119, dated 23rd February 1898, urging that as proposed in para 5 of the joint memorandum referred to above, a servant on Rs 5 may be employed exclusively to take care of the Sri Venkataramanaswami temple and the garden within its compound

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No. 11096-101—MIS. 2289. DATED BANGALORE. 8TH MARCH 1898.

ORDER THEREON.—On a careful consideration of the proposals made by the several officers in the letters read above, Government agree with the Muzrai

Superintendent that the protection of the temple premises having devolved on Government under whose orders the high compound wall which was around the temple was pulled down as not in keeping with the appearance of the adjoining Palace, a servant is required exclusively to look after the temple and they accordingly direct that the temple watcher on Rs. 5 be left alone and the remaining amount *viz.* Rs. 13, available out of the conservancy establishment allowed to the old Palace utilized in the manner proposed in the joint memorandum, towards the employment of two gardeners.

*Jr. Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.*

To—The Muzrai Superintendent in Mysore.
The Excise Commissioner in Mysore.
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore

Exd.—M.A.R.

1897-98

# GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

## GENERAL

PROCEEDINGS

*Dated 8th March* 1898

No. 11096-101 / Mis. 2289

Sanctioning a watcher exclusively to Sri Venkataramanaswami temple in the Fort, Bangalore, and providing funds for the employment of two gardeners as proposed.

M G C P.B.—144 98-200